

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 246

By Sparks

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jason Matthew Reynolds of Murfreesboro.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Jason Matthew Reynolds, an exemplary gentleman and consummate professional who worked assiduously as an author and editor; and

WHEREAS, born on September 29, 1974, Mr. Reynolds was the son of Brenda N. Reynolds and Jimmy Reynolds; he was a 1992 graduate of Bradley Central High School, and in 1997, he completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he served as editor of the school paper; and

WHEREAS, Jason Reynolds received his master's degree in 2010 from Bryan College and went on to become the published author of a trilogy of science fiction books for young children; he also penned a host of articles for various publications, including the *Cleveland Daily Banner*, the *Daily Post Athenian*, the *Chattanooga Free Press*, the *Murfreesboro Post*, and the *Shelbyville Times*, where he served as editor-at-large at the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, in his younger days, Mr. Reynolds enjoyed playing sports, including baseball; he was also an avid reader; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Seeds Church, which he helped start along with his wife, Holly Reynolds; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and parents, Jason Reynolds will be sorely missed but fondly remembered by his brother, Jeffery Reynolds; his aunts, Barbara (Jimmy) Burger, Ruth Anderson, Brenda Blount, Brenda Arthur Reynolds, and Donna (Arthur) Gatlin; his uncles, Stony Brooks, Paul Reynolds, and Bobby Reynolds; his mother-in-law, Patricia Gay; and a host of cousins; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, George Brooks and Etheline Goins Brooks; his paternal grandparents, Ross Reynolds and Vesta White Reynolds; and a host of aunts and uncles; and

WHEREAS, Jason Reynolds leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Jason Matthew Reynolds, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Reynolds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.